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TAGS: MASS, MO

SUBJECT: MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST

1. IN MARCH 14 CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH EMBOFF OUVRIEU, AFN DIRECTOR INFORMED HIM THAT ON BASIS BRIEF REPORTING CABLE DESCRIBING MEETING BETWEEN D'ALBIS AND AMERICAN EMBOFF MARCH 9 IT APPEARED D'ALBIS MIGHT NOT HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT U.S. TRADITIONAL MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH MOROCCO WILL CONTINUE DESPITE NEGATIVE DECISION ON OV-10 AND COBRAS. OUVRIEU COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH THIS POINT HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM BY AFN DIRECTOR IN MEETING WHICH PRECEDED EMBASSY PARIS' CONVERSATION WITH D'ALBIS, REPORT OF THAT MEETING PROBABLY HAD NOT REACHED D'ALBIS BEFORE HE SPOKE WITH U.S. EMBOFF. TO BE SURE THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING
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ON THIS IMPORTANT POINT, OUVRIEU SAID HE WOULD CONTACT D'ALBIS IMMEDIATELY TO BE SURE QUAI REALIZES NORMAL FMS PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE.

2. IN BRIEFING OUVRIEU ON BOUCETTA'S WASHINGTON TALKS, DEPTOFF EMPHASIZED HIGH VALUE U.S. ATTACHES TO BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO, ADMINISTRATION'S INTENTION TO

CONTINUE REGULAR FMS PROGRAM, PROBLEM WHICH COULD ARISE
WITH CONGRESS REGARDING NORMAL FMS PROGRAM IF MOROCCANS
CONTINUE USE U.S. GOVERNMENT ORIGIN EQUIPMENT IN SAHARA,
AND DIFFICULTIES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS EXPERIENCED TRYING
PERSUADE MOROCCANS THEY SHOULD CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL OF
SUCH EQUIPMENT FROM SAHARA (SEPTELS FOLLOW WITH FULL
DESCRIPTION TALKS WITH MOROCCANS ON SAHARA). OUVRIEU
WAS NOT TOLD, AND DEPARTMENT SEES NO REASON WHY FRENC;H
SHOULD BE INFORMED BY US AT THIS TIME, THAT HASSAN
WANTS TO MAKE WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON SOON. VANCE

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